

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended). An electrical extension lead, comprising a storage structure and an electrical cable having a first end and a second end, the first end connected to a plug socket arrangement mounted on the storage structure and arranged for supplying AC electricity to electrical devices, and the second end connected to an electrical plug for connection to AC electrical supply sources, characterized in that a battery pack charging assembly is also connected to the first end of the cable and mounted on the storage structure, which charging assembly includes a receptacle for holding and is suitable for charging removable battery packs for powering electrical devices, and the storage structure includes a reel housing and the cable is stored by wrapping it around the storage structure.

Claims 2-6

Claim 7 (Currently Amended). An electrical extension lead according to claim 1 and further including a hollow storage structure wherein the electrical cable is stored by wrapping it around the exterior surface of a hollow storage structure and the battery pack charging assembly is located within said hollow storage structure.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended). An electrical extension lead according to claim 7 wherein the plug socket arrangement is fitted within a first cover portion of the hollow structure and the battery pack charging assembly receptacle is fitted within a second cover portion at the opposite end of the hollow structure.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended). An electrical extension lead according to claim 8 wherein the second cover portion includes a recess, which recess extends within the hollow storage structure and the battery pack charging receptacle is fitted within the recess.

Claim 10 (Original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 7 wherein the hollow storage structure is substantially cylindrical.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension lead according to claim 1 wherein storage structure is rotatably mounted within an outer housing, which outer housing is formed with a hole through which the cable is extendable.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended). An electrical extension lead according to claim 1 wherein the battery pack charging assembly comprises a receptacle assembly for receiving a battery pack, which receptacle assembly comprises a receptacle housing and a flexible gasket disposed between the receptacle housing and a portion of the storage structure.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension lead according to claim 12, wherein the receptacle assembly further comprises at least one retainer disposed on the storage structure to prevent disengagement of the gasket.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension lead according to claim 12, further comprising a door in the storage structure located adjacent the receptacle assembly.

Claim 15 (Original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 14, wherein the door includes a spring disposed thereon to bias a battery into connection with the receptacle assembly.

Claim 16 (Original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 12 further

including a battery charger circuit mounted on the receptacle housing.

Claim 17 (Original). An electrical extension lead according to claim 1 wherein the electrical supply source is a mains supply source or a fuel powered generator supply source.

Claims 18 - 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended). An electrical extension cord assembly for conducting AC power from an AC mains electrical source to a corded electrical device, the electrical extension cord assembly comprising:

- an AC electrical cable having a first end and a second end;
- an AC electrical plug connected to the first end of the AC electrical cable for connection to the AC mains electrical source;
- a housing located proximate to the second end of the AC electrical cable and including a cord storage structure connected to the housing and arranged for holding a portion of the AC electrical cable in a coil ;
- a plug socket arrangement structurally mounted to the housing and connected proximate to the second end of the AC electrical cable and suitable for electrically connecting to the corded electrical device; and
- a battery charging assembly structurally mounted to the housing and connected proximate to the second end of the AC electrical cable and suitable for charging the battery pack of cordless electrical devices.

Claim 22 (Cancelled).

Claim 23 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 22, wherein the cord storage structure includes a reel on which the AC electrical cable is coiled.

Claims 24 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 23 wherein the reel is rotatably mounted to the housing and the AC electrical cable is drawn onto the reel by rotation of the reel.

Claims 25 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 21 wherein the housing includes a lifting handle.

Claims 26 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 21, wherein the housing defines a recess and the battery charging assembly includes a connector located within the recess.

Claims 27 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 26 and further comprising a door mounted to the housing and movable between an open position, wherein the recess is open for access, and a closed position, wherein the recess is closed.

Claims 28 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 27 wherein the door is pivotably attached to the housing for movement between the open position and the closed position.

Claims 29 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 28 and further comprising a latch for holding the door in the closed position.

Claims 30 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 27 and further comprising a gasket attached to one of the housing and the door for sealing a joint between the door and the housing when the door is in the closed position.

Claims 31 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 27 wherein, when the door is in the closed position, then the door and the

housing further define the recess, and the recess as defined by the housing and the door in the closed position is dimensioned to be able to hold a power tool battery.

Claims 32 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 21 wherein the housing includes an outer portion and an inner portion, and the battery charging assembly is mounted to the inner portion.

Claims 33 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 32 wherein the inner portion of the housing is flexibly connected to the outer portion by a shock absorber.

Claims 34 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 33 wherein the shock absorber is made of a resilient material.

Claims 35 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 33 wherein the shock absorber is a flexible gasket.

Claims 36 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 21 wherein the battery charging assembly is adapted to hold and charge a cordless electric power tool battery pack.

Claims 37 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 21 wherein the AC electrical cable, the AC electrical plug, and the plug socket arrangement are rated to be able to provide sufficient electrical power for the simultaneous operation of a plurality of corded electric power tools.

Claims 38 (Previously Presented). An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 21 wherein the AC electrical cable, the AC electrical plug, and the plug socket arrangement are rated to carry electric power at the voltage of the AC mains electrical source.

Claim 39 (Currently Amended). An electrical extension cord assembly for conducting AC power from an AC mains electrical source to a plurality of corded electrical power tools and for holding and charging the removable battery pack of a cordless electric power tool, the electrical extension cord assembly comprising:

an AC electrical cable having a first end and a second end;

an AC electrical plug electrically connected to the AC electrical cable at a location proximate to the first end, the AC electrical plug connectable to the AC mains electrical source,

a housing located proximate to the second end of the AC electrical cable, the housing including a reel operable for holding substantially all the AC electrical cable;

a plurality of electrical sockets located in the housing and electrically connected to the AC electrical cable at a location proximate to the second end, the plurality of electrical sockets connectable to the corded electrical power tools; and

a battery charger located in the housing and electrically connected to the AC electrical cable at a location proximate to the second end, the battery charger including a receptacle adapted for holding and charging the battery pack of the cordless electric power tool.

Claims 40 (Cancelled). .

Claim 41 (New) An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 39 wherein the reel is rotatably mounted in the housing and the AC electrical cable is spoolable onto the reel.

Claim 42 (New) An electrical extension cord assembly according to claim 39 wherein the housing includes a door and the housing and the door define a recess sized to accommodate the battery pack of the cordless electric power tool, and the battery charger receptacle is located in the recess.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 5, and 7-40 were pending in the application.

Claims 3, 4, and 6 were previously cancelled.

Claims 18-20 were previously withdrawn, but have been reinstated by the Examiner as “unintentionally withdrawn.” Claims 18-20 are cancelled herein.

Claims 2, 5, 22, and 40 are also cancelled herein.

Claims 1, 7-9, 12, 21, and 39 are amended herein.

New claims 41 and 42 are added in this Amendment.

In The Claims:

No Grounds For Rejection of Claims 14 and 15 Were Given

The Applicant respectfully notes that in the July 14, 2006 Action the Examiner offered no grounds for the rejection of dependent claims 14 and 15.

Cited US2005/0017117 Is Not Prior Art To Claims 27-29 and 31

The Applicant respectfully points out that US 2005/0017117 to Moon (“Moon 2005”), which the Examiner cited in the 35 USC 103(a) rejection of claims 27-29 and 31, is not prior art to the subject application. The subject application has a US filing date of 09/11/2003 and claims a foreign priority date of 09/11/2002 (to GB Application No. 0220994.8). Moon 2005 is a US invention without claim to foreign priority and has a potential (it’s a CIP of a CIP) US priority of 01/17/2003. More to the point, the oldest member of the Moon 2005 family of applications was published on 11/20/2003 (see US 2003/0213865), which is after the US filing date of the subject application.

Amended Claims

In view of the Japanese utility model JP3037182, the Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 21, and 39 to include limitations that the battery charger include a receptacle for holding and charging a removable battery pack, and additional limitations to the cord storage reel. Therefore, each independent claims has limitations to a extension cord and battery charger assembly including an extension